# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CIVIL AVIATION
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Use of Faulty Simulators for Training Pilots
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**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has received any report/complaint regarding useof faulty simulators for training pilots;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto;

(c) the reasons for use of faulty simulator by Air India and the action proposed to be taken against those responsible for the lapses putting the safety of the commuters in grave danger;

(d) the steps taken to provide best and accurate apparatus for training of pilots;

(e) whether there is shortage of trained pilots and airlines are increasingly hiring foreign pilots to operate aircraft, if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the number of public and private pilot training facilities in the country, State/UT-wise and the average cost of pilot training in the country?

## Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) & (b) An anonymous report was received by DGCA from CVC regarding use of unserviceable B - 787 simulator.;

The matter was investigated and it was established that there was a faulty wire in the Simulator at times making intermittent connection. The faulty wire was replaced. The defect did not affect the quality of training.;

(c) & (d) Not applicable in view of above reply.;

(e) There is a shortage of type rated commander in the country due to growth in aviation industry and induction of new aircraft in the fleet of airlines. To cover the shortage of type rated pilots, validation of foreign pilots is done as per rule 45 of Aircraft Rules, 1937. However, sufficient numbers of Indian co - pilots are available and employed with the airlines. These co - pilots do not possess sufficient training and experience as required to become commander on that type.;
The number of foreign pilots employed by Indian Operators as on dated 31.12.2016 is attached at Annexure - I.;

(f) There are 29 Flying Training organizations approved by DGCA for Pilot Training up to CPL level. Out of 29 Flying Training organizations, 6 are in UP, 5 in Maharashtra, 4 each in Madhya Pradesh and Telangana, 2 each in Karnataka and Gujarat and 1 each in Haryana, Uttarakhand, Bihar, Orissa, Rajasthan and Punjab respectively.;
DGCA does not regulate financial aspect of any FTO hence matter of the cost of pilot training is beyond the scope and functions of DGCA.